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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Office of Research and Reports

THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research Area

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SUBJECT: Comments on the Recommendation of the DOD that the  
EIC Economic Defense Subcommittee be Abolished

REFERENCE: Our Conversation 18 June 1965 on Above Subject

1. Should the EIC Economic Defense Subcommittee be abolished, it is not believed that the action would have a detrimental effect on the quality or quantity of the intelligence support rendered to the economic defense committees by CIA and other agencies.

2. There was a need for this committee some years ago (to carry on the work of its predecessor) but at the present time, the maturing relationship among the various agencies participating in economic defense matters seems to have obviated that need. Coordination of intelligence is accomplished through other committees or through bilateral discussion. There has been no meeting of the Subcommittee since 1 September 1961, when it reviewed and approved a CIA study The Strategic Impact of the International Embargo Program on the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Since its inception in 1958, this Subcommittee has met only four times. The last annual report of the Subcommittee already had raised the question of its usefulness and the membership decided that it be continued on a stand-by basis for one more year contingent on the materialization of need -- which has not arisen. There is therefore no objection to the DOD proposal for the abolition of this Subcommittee.

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EIC Economic Defense Subcommittee

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